(b) if so, the essential features of the schemes;

(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the scheme during the last three years in Goa;

(d) the financial assistance granted to the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ASHRAF ALI FATMI): (a) to (c) School education is primarily under the purview of State Governments. The intervention of the central government in school education is primarily through centrally sponsored schemes including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) being implemented at elementary stage. The Government of India has released funds amounting to Nil, Rs. 728.12 lakh and Rs. 724.12 lakh in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively for implementing SSA programme in Goa. These include funds for establishment of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres, which provide teacher training and academic support to elementary schools in Goa.

Programmes of higher education for SCs and STs

4151. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 853.73 crores was allocated to his Ministry for the year 2006-07 to be spent on programmes of higher education with at least 20 per cent allocation benefits to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the programmes undertaken by his Ministry for 2006-07 with details of budget funds utilized, along with the quantitative and qualitative benefits accrued to these sections, State-wise; and

(c) the programmes with at least 20 per cent allocation out of the Budget allocation of Rs. 1660.53 crores for higher education to be undertaken for 2007-08 with details thereof and the amount likely to be spent and benefits to be accrued to these sections, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The funds are not allocated to the State Governments but directly to the following institutions namely to the Central Universities through the University Grants Commission (UGC), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management (IIITM), Gwalior, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Allahabad, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Jabalpur, National Institutes of Technology (NITs), National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai, National Institute of Foundry & Forge Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTRs), School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), New Delhi, Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad, Community Polytechnics, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology (SLIET), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. This allocation is intended for benefiting students belonging to the two categories enrolled in these institutions. Ordinarily, the annual provision in the budget is utilized by these institutions.

Regulation of self financing educational institutions

4152. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any legislations to regulate the self financing educational institutions mushrooming in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would bring out any regulatory mechanism at least for higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.